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Position of a Soldier under Arms.

TO stand straight and firm upon his Legs; Head turned to the Right; Heels close; Toes a little turned out; the Belly drawn in a little, but without Constraint; the Breast a little projected; Shoulders square to the Front, and kept back; the Right-hand hanging straight down the Side, with the Palm close to the Thigh; the left Elbow not to be turned out from the Body; the Firelock to be carried on the left Shoulder, as low down as can be admitted without Constraint; the three last Fingers under the Butt; the Forefinger and Thumb before the Swell; the Flat of the Butt to be supported against the Hip-Bone, and to be pressed so that the Firelock may be felt against the left Side, and that it may stand before the Hollow of the Shoulder, not leaning towards the Head nor from it; the Barrel almost perpendicular.

To be very exact in counting a Second of Time, or *One, Two*, between each Motion.



The Manual Exercise, with an Explanation.

Words of Command.	No. of Motions.	EXPLANATIONS.
1st. Poise your Firelocks.	2.	1st. Seize the Firelock with the right Hand, and turn the Lock outward, keeping the Firelock in the same Position as before. 2d. Bring up the Firelock with a quick Motion from the Shoulder, and seize it with the left Hand, just above the Lock, so that the little Finger may rest upon the Spring, and the Thumb lie upon the Stock: The Firelock must not be held too far from the Body, and the left Hand must be of an equal Height with the Eyes.
2d. Cock your Firelocks.	2	1st. Turn the Barrel opposite to your Face, and place your Thumb upon the Cock, raising the Elbow square at this Motion. 2d. Cock the Firelock, by drawing your Elbow down, placing the Thumb upon the bridge Pin, and the Fingers under the Guard
3d. Present.	1	1st. Turn briskly to the Right, upon both Heels, bring the butt End in, presenting even with your Shoulder, placing the left Hand on the Swell, and the Fore-finger of the Right-hand before the Trigger, sinking the Muzzle a little.
		4th, Fire.



<i>Words of Command.</i>		<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
4th,	Fire.	I	Draw the Tricker briskly back, then bring the Firelock back to the priming Position, with the Lock opposite the right Breast, the Muzzle the Height of the Hat, keeping it firm and steady, and at the same Time seize the Cock with the Fore-finger and Thumb of the Right-hand, the Back of the Hand turned up; both Feet kept fast in this Motion.
5th,	Half cock your Firelocks.	I	Half bend the Cock briskly, with a Draw-back of the Elbow.
6th,	Handle your Cartridge.	I	Bring your Right-hand with a short Round to your Pouch, slapping it hard, and take hold of your Cartridge, and bring it with a quick Motion to your Mouth with your Right-hand; bite the Top well off, and bring the Hand down as low as the Chin.
7th,	Prime.	I	Shake the Powder into the Pan, placing the three last Fingers behind the Hammer, with the Elbow up.
			8th, Shut

<i>Words of Command.</i>		<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
8th,	Shut your Pans.	2	<p>1st. Shut your Pans briskly, drawing your right Arm at this Motion towards the Body, holding the Cartridge fast in your Hand, as in the former Position.</p> <p>2d. Turn the Piece nimbly round to the Loading Position, with the Lock to the Front, and the Muzzle the Height of the Chin, bringing the Right-hand behind the Muzzle, both Feet kept fast in this Motion.</p>
9th,	Charge with Cartridge.	2	<p>1st. Turn up your Hand, and put the Cartridge into the Muzzle, shaking all the Powder into the Barrel.</p> <p>2d. Place your Hand closed, with a quick and strong Motion, upon the Rammer.</p>
10th,	Draw your Rammers.	2	<p>1st, Draw the Rammer with a quick Motion half out, seizing it at the Muzzle back-handed.</p> <p>2d, Draw it quite out, turn it, and enter it into the Muzzle.</p>
11th,	Ram down your Cartridge.	1	Ram the Cartridge well down the Barrel, instantly recovering and seizing the Rammer back-handed at the Center, turning it and entering it into the second Pipe, placing at the same Time the Edge of the Hand on the Butt-end of the Rammer.

12th, Return

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
12th, Return your Rammers.	1	Return the Rammer, bringing up the Piece with the Left-hand to the Shoulder, seizing it with the Right-hand under the Cock, keeping the Left-hand fast to the Swell, turning the Body square to the Front.
13th, Shoulder your Firelocks.	2	1st, Quit the Left-hand, and place it strong on the Butt. 2d, Quit the Right-hand, and throw it down the right Side.
14th, Rest your Firelocks.	3	1st, Seize the Firelock with the Right-hand, turning the Lock outwards. 2d, Raise the Firelock from your Shoulder, and place your Left-hand with a quick Motion above the Lock, holding the Piece right up and down in both Hands before you, and your left Hand even with your Eyes. 3d, Step briskly back with the right Foot, placing it a Hand's breadth distant from your left Heel ; at the same Time bring down the Firelock as quick as possible to your Rest, sinking it as far down before your left Knee as your Right-hand will permit without constraint ; your Left-hand at the Feather-spring, and your Right, with Fingers extended, held under the Guard, taking Care to draw in the Muzzle well towards your Body, and to dress in a Line with the Butt-end.
15th, Order		

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
15th, Order your Firelocks.	3	<p>1st, Draw the Firelock nimbly with your Left-hand against your right Shoulder.</p> <p>2d, Quit the Firelock with the Right-hand, and sinking it at the same Time with your Left, seize it at the Muzzle, which must be of an equal Height with your Chin, and hold it close against your right Side.</p> <p>3d, Lift up your right Foot, and place it by your Left, at the same Time throw back your Left-hand by your left Side, and with your Right bring down the Butt-end strong upon the Ground, placing it even with the Toe of your right Foot, the Thumb of the Right-hand lying along the Barrel, and the Muzzle kept at a little Distance from your Body.</p>
16th, Ground your Firelocks.	4	<p>1st, Face to the Right upon your Heels, and at the same Time turn the Firelock, so that the Lock may point to the Rear, and the Flat of the Butt-end lie against the Inside of your Foot; at the same Time slipping the right Foot behind the Butt of the Firelock, the right Toe pointing to the Right, and the left Toe pointing to the Front.</p> <p>2d, Step directly forwards, with your left Foot about as far as the Swell of the Firelock, and lay it upon the Ground, your Left-hand hanging down by your left Foot, and your Right kept fast with the Butt-end against it.</p> <p>3d, Raise</p>

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
17th, Take up your Firelocks.	4	<p>3d, Raise yourself up again nimbly, bringing back your left Foot to its former Position, keeping your Body faced to the Right.</p> <p>4th, Face again to the Left upon your Heels, and come to your proper Front, letting your Hands hang down without Motion.</p> <p>1st, Face to the Right upon both Heels.</p> <p>2d, Sink your Body down, and come to the Position described in the second Motion of grounding.</p> <p>3d, Raise yourself and Firelock, bringing it close to the right Side.</p> <p>4th, Come to your proper Front, seizing the Firelock at the Muzzle, as in Explanation fifteen.</p>
18th, Rest your Firelocks.	3	<p>1st, Slip your Right-hand down the Barrel, as far as the Swell.</p> <p>2d, Raise the Firelock high up in a perpendicular Line from the Ground with your Right-hand, and seize it with the Left above the Spring; the Cock the Height of the Waist Belt.</p> <p>3d, Step back with your right Foot, placing it behind your left Heel, and come to the Rest.</p>
19th, Shoulder		

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
19th, Shoulder your Firelocks.	2	<p>1st, Lift up your Right-foot and place it by your Left; bring the Firelock at the same Time upon your left Shoulder, and seize the Butt-end with your Left-hand, keeping it in the same Position as above described.</p> <p>2d, Throw your Right-hand briskly back.</p>
20th, Secure your Firelocks.	3	<p>1st, Bring the Right-hand briskly up, and place it under the Lock, keeping the Firelock steady in the same Position.</p> <p>2d, Quit the Butt with the Left-hand, and seize the Firelock with it at the Swell, bringing the Elbow close down upon the Lock, the Right-hand kept fast in this Motion, and the Piece still upright.</p> <p>3d, Quit the Right-hand and bring it down your right Side, bringing the Firelock nimbly down to the Secure, the Left-hand in a Line with the Waist Belt.</p>
21st, Shoulder your Firelocks.	3	<p>1st, Bring the Firelock up to a perpendicular Line, seizing it with the Right-hand under the Lock.</p> <p>2d, Quit the Left-hand and place it strong upon the Butt.</p> <p>3d, Quit the Right-hand, and bring it smartly down the right Side.</p>
22d, Fix your Bayonets	3	<p>1st, and 2d Motions as in the two first of the Secure.</p>

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3d, Quit

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
23d, Shoulder your Firelocks.	3	<p>3d, Quit the Right-hand and bring the Firelock smartly down to the left Side, with the Left-hand as far as it will admit without Constraint, seizing the Bayonet at the same Time with the Right-hand and fixing it; placing that Hand just below the Brass, with the piece kept close to the hollow of the Shoulder.</p> <p>1st, Quit the Right-hand, and bring up the Firelock with the Left, seize it again under the Cock with the Right, as in the second Motion of the Secure.</p> <p>2d, Quit the Left-hand, and place it strong upon the Butt.</p> <p>3d, Quit the Right-hand and bring it down the Right Side.</p>
24th, Present your Arms.	3	As in Explanation 14.
25th, Face to the Right.	3	<p>1st, Bring up the Firelock with a quick Motion high before you till your Left-hand comes even with your Eyes, with the Fingers of that Hand extended along the Stock just above the Feather-spring; the Right-foot to be brought close up to the Left-heel in this motion.</p> <p>2d, Face to the right, taking care in Facing to hold the Firelock right Up and Down and steady in your Hands.</p> <p>3d, Step back with your Right-foot and come down to your Present.</p>
26th, Face to the Right.	3	As in the foregoing Explanation.
27th, Face		

<i>Words of Command.</i>	<i>No. of Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
27th, Face to the Right About.	3	As in the foregoing Explanation, coming to the Right about, instead of to the Right.
28th, Face to the Left.	3	1st, Bring the Right-foot briskly to the hollow of your Left, with the Firelock in the same Position, as in the first Motion of facing to the Right. 2d, Face to the Left. 3d, Come down to your Present.
29th, Face to the Left.	3	As before.
30th, Face to the Left About.	3	As before, coming to the Left about, instead of to the Left.
31st, Shoulder your Firelocks.	2	As in Explanation 19.
32d, Charge your Bayonets.	2	1st, As in Explanation One. 2d, Bring the Swell of the Firelock down strong upon the Palm of the Hand, turning upon both Heels to the Right, the Right-hand grasping the Piece at the Small behind the Lock, and as high as the Waist-belt, the Firelock upon a level, with the Barrel upwards.
		33d, Shoulder

Words of Command.

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATIONS.

33d,	Shoulder your Firelocks.	2	1st. Bring up the Firelock to the Shoulder place the Left-hand upon the Butt, bringing the Feet square to the Front. 2d, Quit the Right-hand, and throw it down the Right-side.
34th,	Advance your Arms.	4	1st and 2d, as in Explanation One. 3d, Bring the Firelock down the Right Side, with the Right-hand down as low as it will admit without Constraint, Slipping up the Left-hand at the same Time to the Swell; the Guard between the Thumb and Fore-finger of the Right-hand, the three last Fingers under the Cock, with the Barrel to the Rear. 4th, Quit the Left-hand.
35th,	Shoulder your Firelocks.	4	1st, Bring up the Left-hand, and seize it at the Swell. 2d, Come smartly up to a Poise. 3d and 4th, Shoulder.

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Explanations of the Priming and Loading.

	<i>Motions.</i>	E X P L A N A T I O N S.
Prime and Load.	15	<p>1st, Come smartly to the Recover, by springing the Firelock straight up with the Left-hand, turning the Barrel inwards to the proper Height of the Recover, at the same time that the Left-hand springs the Firelock, the Right-hand is raised briskly from the Right-side and seizes the Firelock across the Breast, as it rises below the Cock, the Left-hand comes with a quick Motion from the Butt, and seizes the Firelock strong above the Lock, the Little-finger of the Left-hand at the Spring of the Lock, the Left-hand at an equal Height with the Eyes, the Butt close to the left Breast, but not pressed, the Firelock perpendicular, opposite the Left-side of the Face.</p> <p>2d, Bring the Firelock down with a brisk Motion to the Priming Position, the Left-hand holding the Firelock as in Priming, the Thumb of the Right-hand placed against the Face of the Steel, the Fingers clenched, and the Elbow a little turned out, that the Wrist may be clear of the Cock,</p> <p>3d, Open the Pan by throwing up the Steel, with a strong Motion of the Right Arm, turning the Elbow in, and keeping the Firelock steady in the Left-hand.</p> <p>4th, Handle the Cartridge.</p> <p>5th, Prime.</p> <p>6th, Shut your Pans.</p> <p>7th, Cast</p>

Motions.

EXPLANATIONS.

7th, Cast about.
 8th and 9th, Load.
 10th, and 11th, Draw Rammers.
 12th, Ram down the Cartridge.
 13th, Return the Rammers.
 14th, and 15th, Shoulder.

N. B. The Motions of Recover, bringing down to the priming Position, and opening Pans, to be done in the usual Time; the Motions of handling Cartridges to shutting the Pans, to be done as quick as possible; when the Pans are Shut, a small rest is to be made, and they cast about together; then the loading Motions and Rammer are to be done as quick as possible; but before the Rammer is returned, to rest a little; return the Rammers together, counting, *One, Two*, between each Motion, till the Firelock is Shouldered.

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Explanations of the Position, &c. to each Rank in the Firings.

<i>Motions.</i>	EXPLANATIONS.
Make Ready.	FRONT RANK.
	<p>Spring the Firelock briskly to the Recover, keeping the Left-foot fast in this Motion, as soon as the Firelock is at the Recover, without any Stop, sink the Body briskly without stooping forward with a quick Motion down upon the Right-knee, the Butt-end of the Firelock at the same Time falls upon the Ground, the front Part of the Butt to be in a Line with the Toe of the Shoe on the Left-foot; as soon as the Butt comes to the Ground, the Firelock is to be cocked immediately, by pressing down the Cock with the Right-hand, and then immediately seizing the Cock and Steel in the Right-hand, the Firelock to be held firm in the Left-hand about the Middle of that Part of the Firelock, between the Lock and the Swell of the Stock, the Point of the Left-thumb to be close to the Swell, pointing upwards as the Body is sinking, the Right-knee is to be thrown so far back as the Left-leg may be right up and down, the Right-foot to be thrown a little to the Right, the Body to be kept straight, the Head up, looking to the Right, along the Rank, the same as if Shouldered, the Firelock to be upright and the Butt about four Inches to the Right of the Inside of the Left-foot.</p>
	Present.

E X P L A N A T I O N S.

Present.

I

Bring the Firelock briskly down to the Present, by extending the Left-arm to the full Length with a strong Motion; at the same Time spring up the Butt by the Cock with the Right-hand, and raise up the Butt so high upon the Right-shoulder, that you may not be obliged to stoop too much with the Head; the Right Cheek to be close to the Butt, and the left Eye shut, and look along the Barrel with the right Eye, from the Breech-pin to the Muzzle; keep the left Elbow down in an easy Position, and hand as steady as possible, the Thumb of the Right-hand to remain in the Position as directed in the 3d. Explanation of the Manual.

Fire.

I

Pull the Tricker as directed in the Manual, and as soon as the Piece is fired, give yourself a strong spring upon your Left-leg, raising your Body nimbly, and straight up, keeping your Left-foot fast, and bringing the Right-heel close to the Left; at the same Time the Firelock is to be brought up to the priming Position and half-cocked immediately; a short Pause is to be made; then handle Cartridges and go on with the loading Motions, as directed in the Explanations of Prime and Load.

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EXPLANATIONS.

Make Ready.

CENTER RANK.

Spring the Firelock to the Recover; as soon as the Left-hand seizes the Firelock above the Lock, the Right-elbow is to be nimbly raised a little, placing the Thumb of that Hand upon the Cock, the Fingers open by the plate of the Lock, and as quick as possible force the Piece to the Cock by dropping the Elbow and forcing down the Cock with the Thumb, stepping at the same Time a moderate Pace, or two Feet to the Right, and three Inches back with the Right-foot, keeping the Left-foot fast; as the Firelock is cocked, the Thumb is to fall below the Cock, the Right-hand seizing the Firelock close under the Lock firmly; the Fore-finger not to be before the Tricker; the Piece to be held in this Position perpendicular, opposite the Left-side of the Face; the Butt close to the Left-breast, but not pressed; the Body to be straight, and as full to the Front as possible; the Head kept up looking to the Right of the Rank, that the body and Firelock may not stoop forward, nor lean back out of the Rank.

C.

Present.

EXPLANATIONS.

Present.

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Spring the Firelock from the Body to Arms-length with a quick, strong Motion, pressing down the Muzzle with the Left-hand, and spring up the Butt with the Right-hand, as in the foregoing Explanation of the Front Rank.

Fire.

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As in Explanation (Four) of the Manual, with this difference, that the Left-foot is to be brought up to the Right, at the same Time that the Firelock is brought down to the priming Position.

The loading Motions as in the Explanations of Priming and Loading, and at the last Motion of Shouldering to spring to the Left again, and cover the File Leaders.

REAR RANK.

Make Ready.

Recover the Firelock and Cock as before directed for the Center Rank ; as the Firelock is recovered and cocked, the Men step briskly straight to the Right with their Right-feet a full Pace, bringing the Left-Foot after the Right, so that the Left-heel may be close, and straight behind the Right ; the Body straight, and as full to the Front as possible.

Present.

	Motions.	EXPLANATIONS.
Present.	I	As in Explanation for the Center Rank; stepping back six Inches with the Right-foot.
Fire.	I	As in Explanation for the Center Rank, and as the Firelock is coming down to the priming Position, the Right-foot is to be brought up to the Left, and at the last Motion of Shouldering to spring to the Left again, and cover the File Leader.

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